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Excellency,

Upon instructions from my Government, I would like to draw your kind attention to six violations of national airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus between 28 April 2020 and 30 June 2020 by Greece (see enclosure).

These provocative actions by Greece constitute a blatant violation of the sovereignty of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and pose a serious threat to the safety of international civil aviation, putting lives of civilian passengers at risk. It is also unacceptable that the aircraft listed in the enclosure refrained from responding to the radio calls of Ercan air control centre over the international emergency frequency (121.5 mhz), in clear violation of yet another international civil aviation rule aimed at preserving flight safety.

I wish to underline that there exist two independent, self-governing States on the island of Cyprus, each exercising sovereignty and jurisdiction within its respective territory, and that the flights within the sovereign airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus can be carried out only with the full knowledge and permission of the relevant authorities of our State. The civil aviation authority of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is the only competent body to provide air traffic and aeronautical information services within its own national airspace.

In view of the foregoing, we strongly protest the said violations of the airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, as well as the infringements by Greece of the international air traffic rules and regulations, and call for the immediate cessation of such provocative actions. We also urge the United Nations and the international community not to condone these blatant violations that have the potential to escalate the tension in our region and jeopardize the lives of civilian passengers.

I would be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 44, and of the Security Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Representative

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

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Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

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Date	Local Time	Altitude	Aircraft Type	Call Sign	Country of Origin	Coordinates (entry)	Coordinates (exit)
28.04.2020	19:44	16.800 ft	C-130	HAF-356C	Greece	35°06'24"N - 032°48'21"E	35°05'30"N - 032°51'47"E
19.05.2020	15:06	12.500 ft	C-130	HAF-356L	Greece	35°06'12"N - 032°56'49"E	35°10'23"N - 032°42'02"E
19.05.2020	15:09	12.500 ft	C-130	HAF-356L	Greece	35°11'26"N - 032°37'41"E	35°12'03"N - 032°35'49"E
16.06.2020	12:11	12.500 ft	C-130	HAF-356K	Greece	35°06'32"N - 032°48'16"E	35°05'29"N - 032°51'58"E
25.06.2020	13:05	15.000 ft	C-130	-	Greece	35°05'04"N - 032°49'25"E	35°04'50"N - 032°51'00"E
30.06.2020	09:41	13.000 ft	C-130	-	Greece	35°06'32"N - 032°48'16"E	35°05'29"N - 032°51'58"E

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